

NEEDHAM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

ROSEMARY POOL

AUGUST 1, 2016

ROSEMARY RECREATION COMPLEX

Having opened in July 1972, Rosemary Pool has been part of the Needham community for 45 summers, but sadly, on Friday, August 26th, Rosemary Pool, as we know it, will close, with hopes of being replaced with a new facility in 2018.

Though this was a sad and challenging decision to make, without knowing if we will receive construction funding, it is time to close.

The Park and Recreation Commission and Staff have been working with the Permanent Public Building Committee and project managers for several years, holding numerous public input sessions to develop a



dream and a concept for a new facility...one that creates a place for the community to come together to swim outdoors, participate in programs indoors and out, and enjoy the natural setting year round.

The following pages will describe the design of the

project which includes two outdoor pools, a spray park/splash pad, improved access to Rosemary Lake, a new bathhouse and pool entrance, a second floor multi-purpose room that will be used year-round, and offices for the Park and Recreation Department and Health Department.

SCHEDULE:

- Saturday, August 13 tour of the property and review of plans at 10 AM
- Wednesday, August 17 Celebration Open House from 4-8 PM
- Friday, August 26 is final day for Rosemary Pool, closing at 5:30 PM
- Monday, September 26 at 7:00 PM presentation of new facility plans
- December 2016 (TBD) application made to Community Preservation Committee for majority of construction funds; request also made through capital budget process for remaining needed funds
- March 2017 (TBD) Community Preservation Public Hearing on funding request
- May 2017 (TBD) request to Town Meeting for authorization of construction funds
- June 2017 construction begins, pending funding
- May/June 2018 new facility is completed and opened

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION



**Wednesday,
August 17th**

Join your friends and neighbors to celebrate 45 years at Rosemary Pool and to welcome the new facility

**Open House
4-8 PM**

**Refreshments
Music
Activities for children
in and out of the
water**

THE POOLS

Within the same footprint of the current pool, two pools will be created.

The RECREATION POOL will have a zero-depth entry, perfect for the very young. It will gradually move out to a depth of 3'6". There will be spray features, shade and room for swim lessons. A slide area will be to the side, with a water depth of 3'-3'6" with two exit areas. Along the lake side are two lanes for water walking or fitness swimming with water depths

of 3'6" - 4'. Access to the lanes is from the deck or from the shallow section.

The FITNESS POOL will have 8 lanes that are 25 meters in length, which is regulation for our swim team. The water depth will be 4'6" - 6'6" in the outer lanes. Not seen in the depiction is the diving board with a well depth of 13'6". The lane lines will be moveable and there will be diving blocks for meets. Both pools will have multiple ADA access points.

SEATING will be around the pools and up on the tiers with ADA and stroller access.

SHADE will be added throughout the facility, both on the pool decks and on the tiers.

The FRONT BEACH will become part of the concrete deck. The two side beaches will remain, with a SPRAY PARK/SPLASH PAD added on the beach closest to the building.

The rendering below is a conceptual drawing from April 2016. It does not depict all final design details.



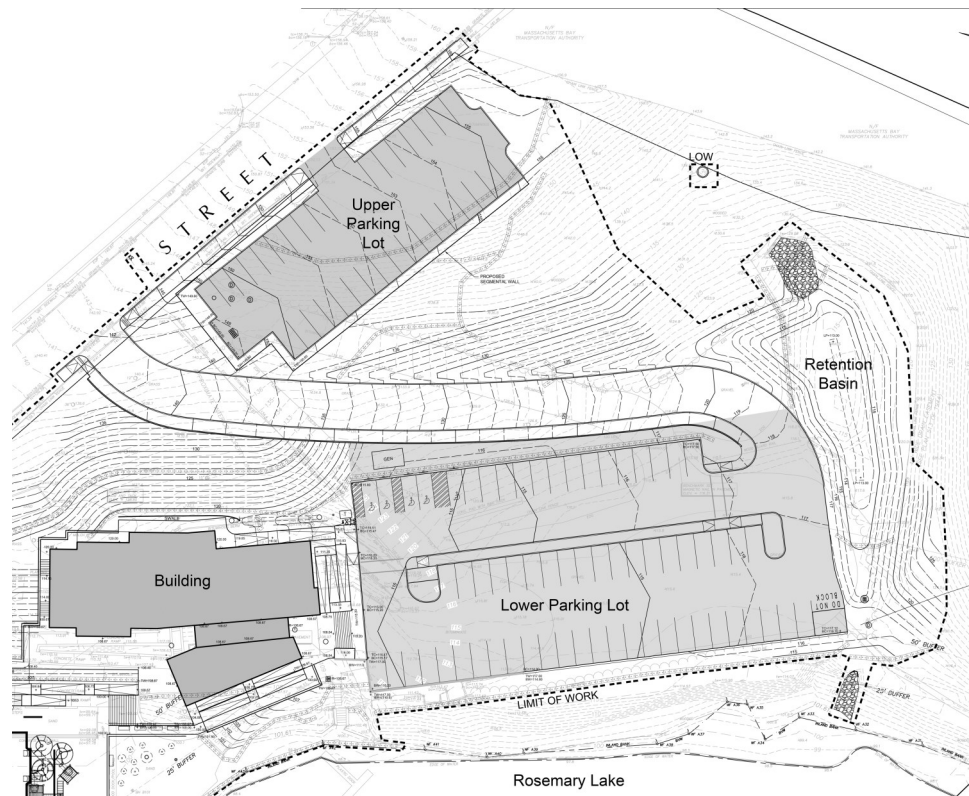
PARKING AND DRIVEWAY

The two existing parking lots will be rebuilt.

The DRIVEWAY will be moved further down Rosemary Street and come across the hill so that it will be less steep.

The LOWER LOT and DRIVEWAY will be built using porous pavement. ADA parking is located in this lot, with ramp access for to either floor of the building...including for strollers. BIKE RACKS will be available, too!

The UPPER LOT will be enlarged and paved with traditional asphalt and a sidewalk will bring people down to the facility.



THE BATHHOUSE



April 2016 rendering—not final design.

The new building will have two separate floors. The BATHHOUSE and CHECK-IN AREA are located in the lower level of the building, accessed by stairs or ramp.

Pool patrons will enter through the archway to check-in on the left and then go into the bathhouse for restrooms and showers on the right. Right inside the restroom entrance will be two family restrooms/changing rooms. Access to the pool will be by ramp or stairs to the full concrete deck.

UPPER FLOOR

Following the path up to the second floor entrance, visitors will enter a lobby that will bring you to a large PROGRAMMING SPACE on the right. This large room will be home to many Park and Recreation year-round programs and community activities. With views to the lake, high ceilings, kitchenette and chairs and tables available, it will be a great addition for new opportunities for all ages, during the school day and into the evening.

Programs won't be limited to the building and pools, though—we'll be working on some additional opportunities for use of the lake and adjacent nature trails...a treasure within our downtown area.

The Park and Recreation Department and the Health Department offices will move to this location.



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MAKING THIS PROJECT A REALITY

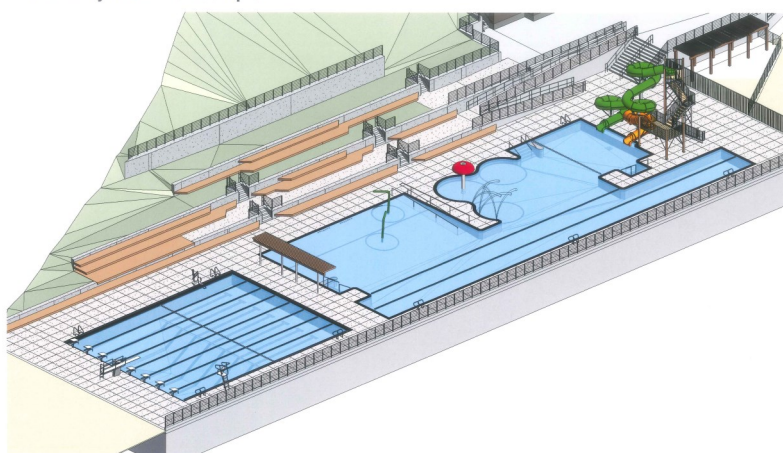
This project has moved from theory, to feasibility, to design—all with vital input from Needham residents, many of which have shared their hopes with many Town boards and Town Meeting.

Park and Recreation will continue to provide updated information on the website as we move through permitting to the bids. We will also be seeking construction funds primarily through Needham's Community Preservation Fund but also a portion from Town capital funds (no tax increase!) The Park and Recreation Commission is so grateful for all the calls made, letters sent, and signs posted last spring to show support for this community asset.

Please join us during our final month at the current Rosemary Pool, and forward your questions/comments to Director Patty Carrey at pccarey@needhamma.gov

THANK YOU

Rosemary Recreation Complex



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